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News Advisory

ER Staff Urged to Use Protocol to Detect Domestic Violence

WHAT: The Utah Department of Health (UDOH), Utah Domestic Violence Council, and Intermountain Healthcare will release new guidelines for emergency room staff to use when caring for patients who show signs of suffering from domestic violence.

WHY: As many as one in four Utah families suffer from some level of domestic violence. Emergency departments are often the first line of defense for these families.

WHO: Speakers include:

- Ned Searle, Office on Domestic and Sexual Violence
- Kathy Franchek, Pediatrician, University of Utah
- Mary Pugh, Intermountain Medical Center Trauma Service
- Brooke St. John, South Salt Lake Victim Advocate
- Theresa, DV Survivor

WHEN: Tuesday, October 5, 2010
8:15 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Speakers will be available for interviews after the press conference.

WHERE: Intermountain Medical Center
Doty Education Center East Auditorium
5121 South Cottonwood Street (off 5300 South & State Street)
Murray, UT

NOTE: Parking available on the west side of the hospital, in front of the Doty Education Center.

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